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SUBJECT: MODE- REQUIRED CUSTOMS SERVICE STAFFING FOR  
PRECLEARANCE WORK  
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1. ACCORDING TO INSPECTOR IN CHARGE HERE, CURRENT CUSTOMS SERVICE STAFFING LEVEL NOT EXCESSIVE IN RELATION TO WORKLOAD, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE (IF NOT DESIRABLE) TO RELINQUISH ONE POSITION. COMPLETION BY HOST GOVERNMENT OF STERILE CUSTOMS AREA AT CIVIL AIR TERMINAL (SCHEDULED FOR JULY 1977, WITH SLIPPAGE OF SOME ADDITIONAL MONTHS POSSIBLE) WOULD ALLOW MORE STREAMLINED CUSTOMS SERVICE OPERATION AND REDUCE MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS SOMEWHAT. ANALYSIS OF MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS IN THIS REGARD WILL BE TREATED IN ANNUAL MODE REVIEW IN MID-1977. ON THE OTHER HAND, BERMUDA'S TOURIST DEPARTURES INCREASE EACH YEAR, POSTING AVERAGE SIX PER CENT ANNUAL GAIN THIS DECADE (TEN PER CENT IN 1976). AS NINETY PER CENT OF BERMUDA'S TOURISTS DEPART FOR U.S., PRECLEARANCE WORKLOAD GROWTH HAS BEEN PROPORTIONATE WITH TREND IN VISITOR STATISTICS.

2. MOST CUSTOMS WAE PERSONNEL WORK AN AVERAGE OF 35 HOURS WEEKLY FOR 8-9 MONTHS EACH YEAR, DROPPING TO AN AVERAGE OF 20 HOURS DURING BERMUDA'S WINTER OFF-SEASON. ONE WAE POSITION (SENIOR CASHIER/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT) IS VIRTUALLY FULL-  
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TIME, WITH INCUMBENT AVERAGING (WITH SUNDAY OVERTIME) OVER 40 HOURS WEEKLY IN PEAK SEASON AND MINIMUM OF 35 HOURS YEAR-ROUND. ANOTHER WAE POSITION (CASHIER) AVERAGES OVER 30 HOURS YEAR-ROUND AND IS ESSENTIALLY FULL-TIME DURING PEAK SEASON.  
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